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Honorable George Bush
Director of Central Intelligence
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear George:

Thank you for the opportunity to review an advanced copy of your memorandum, subject: National Foreign Intelligence Program and Resource Guidance, FY 1979-1983. I was pleased to note that it emphasizes the distinction between "Guidance," which your memorandum conveys, and "Direction."

In that connection, I would hope that in the final version, your resource projections would exhibit additional caveats which clearly label as estimates the aggregate and individual program fiscal levels. As you know, the OSD staff, including Tom Latimer's office, is in the process of developing the Secretary's Planning and Programming Guidance Memorandum (PPGM), which we expect to publish in February. This document, together with a classified Intelligence Annex which Tom's staff is preparing, will of course be provided for your information.

Intelligence will continue to be an important part of the PPGM, but I must emphasize that it is only one of many functional and organizational endeavors which will be addressed. The intelligence resource constraints which will be promulgated in the PPGM will be influenced by your guidance, by the aggregate of our departmental resource needs and programmatic goals, and by economic assumptions which are now under development.

In addition, I am sure that Secretary-designate Brown will want to review the work we have accomplished through January, and impose his preferences, and those of the new Administration, on the FY 79-83 DoD program.

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For these reasons, I would expect that the program which will govern FY 1979-1983 program development for all DoD components, will differ somewhat from your guidance. I am sure that we can resolve these differences as they become apparent.

Sincerely,



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